THE TESTIMONY OF

Severall eminent Commanders, late of the Army, commanded by the Lord

INCHEQVIN,

Commander of the Parliament Forces in

MUNSTER.

Sent by Vice Admirall

CROWTHER

TO

The PARLIAMENT at

WESTMINSTER.

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IN obedience and discharge of our trust to the Parliament of *England*, sitting at *Westminster*: wee give this information under our hands, to be presented to them, which wee shall be ready to make good in our persons upon oath: *viz:*

That the Lord Baron of *Inchequin* Lord President of *Munster*, having been abroad with some part of his Ar-

my, whereof we are members: Did upon the third of this moneth upon his returne home, being at *Mayallo*, send for us, who have hereto subscribed to appeare presently before him at his Quarters, which being performed, and all of us assembled together in his presence Chamber; His Lordship declared this unto us, that in order to the Nationall Covenant, and to that particular branch thereof, which concerns the re-investing his Majesty in his Throne: hee had with the advice of his Officers taken a resolution to oppose the present pretended Parliament in *England*: who were forced by an Independent faction, they having broken all Oaths and Covenants, which they had made both to God and Man: and to that purpose, was now putting himself into a posture of defence: And that for the managing of this Designe, hee had correspondency with the King, with the *Scots*, and generally all the Presbyterian party that were agreed with the King: who were resolved to endevour to their utmost the re-inthroning the King, and restoring a free Parliament, which hee fully declared this not to be: and for the better effecting and carrying on this Designe, he was resolved to joyn with the Lord *Taff*, and the whole *Irish* of the Province of *Munster*: who have assured him of their assistance, both with their persons and estates, and that he had now sent for us, who were only the suspected party of the Army to report this to us, and to require of us our resolution whether wee all would comply with him in this or no: To which we answered, Wee stood for the King and Parliament, as wee had ever done, upon which hee required us not to juggle with him, but to declare whether

ther it was this present Parliament wee meant, for hee said the truth was, they did not acknowledge this to be a Parliament, to which wee answered his Lordship, we could not comply with him: he still using many aggravations, to make good what hee had said against them, and farther said, Hee hoped to see this present Parliament laid flat on their backs by *Michaelmas* day, and that this was no rash resolution, but a premeditated action, he being confident, that let it come to the worst it could, yet in spight of all, hee would be able to procure good terms both for himself and the rest that adhered to him: and that which induced him chiefly to put it in practice at present was, that he was now assured, hee was before-hand with the Independent party, which hee never was before; yet hee had thought for some time longer to have forborn his declaring, but yet some suspitions, the Vice-admirall Captaine *John Crowther* had of him; could not permit him to carry it private any longer, in regard the said Captain *Crowther* had protested against him, and blockt up his Harbours, and his Lordship did further declare, that all which would not joyn with him in this design, he required thē to depart, and go for *England*, for that hee would not permit any neere him, or in his Army, that would not faithfully comply with him in his intention; and as a motive to induce us to joyn with him, hee informed us that he was certainly assured, that Collonel *Jones* had by order from the Parliament of *England*, made a Cessation with *Owen Roe Oneal*, and that faction; who chose rather to enter into League with the Parliament then the King: and in this respect hee would now joyne with

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the Lord *Taff*., and *Munſter* forces againſt the other, for the truth of all theſe we have here to ſubſcribed our names this ſeventh of *April* 1648., aboard the *Sovereigne*, in *Kinſale* Harbour.

Chriſtopher Elſing.

Alexander Barington.

John Gray.

Thomas Davis.

Thomas Chandlor.

Copia vera, *John Crowther.*

We

WE under written having this present seventh of *April*, 1648, heard read unto us the severall heads made by the Lord *Inchequin*, to the respective Commanders in his Presence Chamber, at his head Quarters at *Mayallo*, the third instant forementioned, doe declare, that the said things were in the field upon the same day propounded to us, and the other Officers then in the Army, whereupon he desired our complyance, we refused the same, as inconsistent with our duties to the Parliament, and thereupon differred our severall Charges, and Offices under his command.

John Benyworth, *William Stivesbury*,
William Battle, *John Gettings*.

HE whose name is under written doth inform, that being under restraint for his affection to the Parliament. At the instance of my Lord, (it making for the aforesaid Declaration) the same was presented to him by Major *John Craford*, with many arguments to induce him to comply with my Lord *Inchequin* promiseing thereupon preferment, but he scorning to betray his trust, or dissert the Parliament of *England* whom he served; denyed any such commission, upon which he was expunged from his command, with charge to depart, in testimony of which, he hath subscribed his name the 17 of *April*, 1648.

Thomas Heysford.

From the premiſes, the Reader may obſerve,
First, The univerſality of the deſigne pretended.
Secondly, The pillars on which he would ſet or fix it. Rebels, Papiſts, Royalliſts, Presbyters.
Thirdly, Againſt whom, The preſent Parliament.
Fourthly, the ſetting up of a free Parliament, and a free and good one it's like to be, if ſet up by an Iriſh power.
Fifthly, The way intended to reſtore his Majeſty, the fall of this Parliameut.
Laſtly, The ground, the Covenant, that ends old, and begins new miſeries. Which ſure ſhould awaken thoſe in power, firſt, to ſement among themſelves: ſecondly, to carry on with more vigour the Warre of *Ireland*, and afford them reaſonable money, which will ſufficiently draw dry this new adverſary of his power: and laſtly to ſpeed the ſetling of this Kingdom, that when ſtorms ariſe from ſo many parts, *England* may be unanimous in bearing up againſt them.

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